

# Los Altos Library Deficiencies

[For Joint Council Study Session on 18 Mar 2014]

Note: This is a “living document”.

Number	Deficiency	Evidence to Show	Possible Resolutions	Importance
1	No room for expansion of the collection in all formats (books, media, electronic), “No Growth Capacity”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Most materials are “1-in, 1-out”</b></li> <li>- Fixed number and location of shelving units</li> <li>- Limited possibilities on how to use existing units.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small expansion using funds from Whipple Bequest</li> <li>- Space for “Holds”</li> <li>- New Space</li> <li>- See #1 above</li> </ul>	High and immediate if no new building in 2-3 years
2	Infrastructure of existing building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cannot expand number or location of computers. Limited number of power outlets for mobile devices.</li> <li>- Libraries only will become MORE wired.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drop-down power and data lines</li> <li>- Trench concrete slab to increase capacity</li> <li>- New building</li> <li>- Risk of falling behind other libraries</li> </ul>	High and immediate if no new building in 2-3 years
3	Cramped Children’s Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No dedicated children’s story time area</li> <li>- No area for tweens to gather and call their own</li> <li>- No expansion room for juvenile collection</li> <li>- Children’s safety</li> </ul>	New Space. Data from other District Libraries.	

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4	No "Study Rooms"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only "Teen Room" can be used for tutoring/discussions.</li> <li>- Hard to concentrate/study when other discussions going on in the room</li> <li>- Conversations get "mixed" in the common area</li> <li>- How does Los Altos compare to other SCCLD libraries?</li> </ul>	New Space	High and immediate if no new building in 2-3 years
5	Small Program Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Program room limited to 100 persons (capacity is exceeded for many lectures/gatherings)</li> <li>- No infrastructure to connect to community chambers, other venues, data, ...</li> </ul>	New Space Data from other District Libraries	
6	Parking & Traffic!!	See Library Commission Report dated 01 March 2011	Engineering solution approved in Feb 2012 still "in the works" managed by City of Los Altos	High
7	No room for anything new, i.e. "Maker Space"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Maker Spaces" are in the future for libraries, and Los Altos should embrace them</li> <li>- Only space possible is (a) a portion of the Teen Area, or (b) a portion of the Program Room</li> <li>- Either of these means less footprint for something else</li> <li>- This is where libraries are going!</li> </ul>	New Space	High

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8	Quiet reading space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reading spaces are near entrance to library</li> <li>- Reading space in high traffic areas.</li> </ul>		High
9	Lack of storage space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cramped storage in Program Room, Janitor closet, and outside closet</li> </ul>		Moderate
10	No skylight in Library lobby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low light in area between main entrance and Program Room entrance.</li> </ul>		

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Our Message should focus on:

- Critical Needs for Library Function
- Failing Residents Needs and Desires
- Falling Behind Surrounding Communities
- How can the money available be used to resolve some of the above issues?